

BAA Winchester Weekend

2024 April 12-14

The BAA Song

(To the tune *The British Grenadiers*)

Some **talk** of mathematics and **some** of Chemistry,
And **some** love Numismatics and **some** Philately;
But **I** would be a **Member**, when **all** is said and **done**
Of the **British Astronomical Associ-a-ti-on**.

Sweet **Comradeship** it **launches** were'er its flag's unfurled,
It **scatters** active **branches across** the wide, wide **world**
Which **all** profess allegiance to **one** great Union;—
The **British Astronomical Associ-a-ti-on**.

It **prints** a famous **Journal**, where **all** may read who **choose**,
About all things nocturnal the **very latest news**.
Let's **hope** that sempiternal its **prosperous** course may **run**
The **British Astronomical Associ-a-ti-on**.

It **groups** itself in **Sections**, for **Meteors** or for **Mars**,
While **one** has predilections for **Variable Stars**.
Nor **is** the Moon neglected, nor **Comets**, nor the **Sun**
By the **British Astronomical Associ-a-ti-on**.

In the **Handbook**, information when **planets** rise and **set**
Or **when's** an occultation or **meteor** shower you **get**.
And **thus** was superseded the **old Companion**
By the **British Astronomical Associ-a-ti-on**.

It **holds** an annual **dinner**, which **happens** once a **year**,
Where **veteran** meets **beginner**, and "**far**" consorts with "**near**,"
And **various** toasts are **honoured**, but **chief** of all this **one**
—"THE **BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCI-A-TI-ON**."

H. H. Turner, as published in JBAA **34** (3), 92 (1924), with likely main beats added in **bold**
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